Comes to the priuy coster of the State,
And the offenders life lies in the mercy
Of the Duke onely, gainst all other voyce.
In which predicament I say, thou standst:
For it appeares by manifest proceeding,
That indirectly, and directly to
Thou hast contriued gainst the very life
Of the defendant: and thou hast incurd
The danger formerly by me rehearst.
Downe therefore, and beg mercy of the Duke.
Gra. Beg that thou maist haue leaue to hang thy self,
And yet thy wealth being forfeit to the state,
Thou hast not left the value of a cord,
Therefore thou must be hangd at the States charge.
Duke. That thou shalt see the diffrence of our spirits,
I pardon thee thy life before thou aske it:
For halfe thy wealth, it is *Anthonios*,
The other halfe comes to the generall State,
Which humblenesse may driue vnto a fine.
Por. I for the state, not for *Anthonio*.
Shy. Nay, take my life and all, pardon not that,
You take my house, when you do take the prop
That doth sustaine my house: you take my life
When you do take the meanes wherby I liue.
Por. What mercy can you render him, *Anthonio*?
Gra. A halter gratis, nothing else for Gods sake.
An. So please my Lord the Duke, & all the Court,
To quit the fine for one halfe of his goods,
I am content; so he will let me haue
The other halfe in vse, to render it
Vpon his death vnto the Gentleman
That lately stole his daughter.
Two things prouided more, that for this fauour
He presently become a Christian:
The other, that he do record a gift
Heere in the Court, of all he dies possest

Vnto his sonne *Lorenzo* and his daughter.
Duke. He shall do this, or else I do recant
The pardon that I late pronounced heere.
Por. Art thou contented Iew? what dost thou say?
Shy. I am content.
Por. Clearke, draw a deed of gift.
Shy. I pray you giue me leaue to go from hence,
I am not well, send the deed after me,
And I will signe it.
Duke. Get thee gone, but do it.
Gra. In christning shalt thou haue two Godfathers,
Had I bene iudge, thou shouldst haue had ten more,
To bring thee to the gallowes, not the Font.
Exit.
Duke. Sir, I intreate you home with me dinner.
Por. I humbly desire your Grace of pardon,
I must away this night toward *Padua*,
And it is meete I presently set forth.
Duke. I am sorry that your leysure serues you not.
Anthonio, gratifie this gentleman,
For in my minde you are much bound to him.
Exit Duke and his traine.

Bass. Most worthy gentleman, I and my friend
Haue by your wisedome bene this day acquited
Of greeuous penalties, in lew whereof,
Three thousand ducats due vnto the Iew,
We freely cope your courteous paines withall.
Ant. And stand indebted ouer and aboue
In loue and seruice to you euermore.
Por. He is well paid, that is well satisfied,
And I deliuering you, am satisfied,
And therein do account my selfe well paid,
My minde was neuer yet more mercinary.
I pray you know me when we meete againe,
I wish you well, and so I take my leaue.

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